

TANAKA et al
Appl. No. to be assigned
March 25, 2005

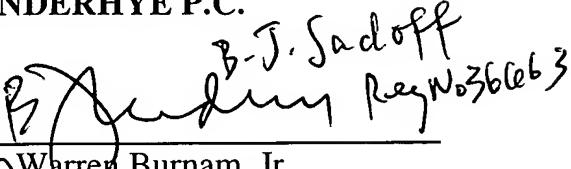
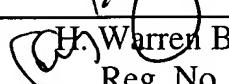
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications.

An early and favorable action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By: 
B.J. Sadoff Reg. No. 36663

H. Warren Burnam, Jr.
Reg. No. 29,366

HWB:lsh
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201-4714
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100